

DETAILED ACTION

STATUS OF THE CLAIMS

1. Claims 1, 2, 10-18, 21, 23-32 and 40-47 were previously pending as per the previous office action.
2. Claims 1, 2, 10-13, 15-18, 21, 23-26, 28-32, 40-43, and 45-47 are currently pending.
3. Claims 1, 2, 10-13, 15-18, 21, 23-26, 28-32, 40-43, and 45-47 are allowed.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

Please amend claims 1, 13, 18, 26, 31, and 43 as follows:

Claim 1:

Line 4, to include the limitation of ",wherein identifying a local request to print a page as the local pin request" so that the limitation beginning on line 3 now reads "the printing device detecting a local PIN request made by activation of a user interface control element provided by the printing device, wherein identifying a local request to print a page as the local pin request;"

Line 7, to include the limitation of ",wherein printing the PIN comprises printing a page that includes the PIN" so that the limitation beginning on line 7 now reads "the printing device printing the PIN, wherein printing the PIN comprises printing a test page that includes the PIN;"

Claim 13:

Line 4, to include the limitation of ",wherein detecting a local request to print a page as the local PIN request so that the limitation beginning on line 3 now reads "detecting a local PIN request made by activation of a user interface control element provided by the verifying device, wherein detecting a local request to print a page as the local PIN request;"

Line 7, to include the limitation of ",wherein printing the PIN comprises printing a page that includes the

PIN" so that the limitation beginning on line 7 now reads "instructing the verifying device to print the PIN, wherein printing the PIN comprises printing a page that includes the PIN;"

Claim 18:

Line 4, to include the limitation of ",wherein detecting a local request to print a page as the local PIN request so that the limitation beginning on line 3 now reads "detecting a local PIN request made by activation of a user interface control element provided by a printing device, wherein detecting a local request to print a page as the local PIN request;"

Line 7, to include the limitation of ",wherein printing the PIN comprises printing a page that includes the PIN" so that the limitation beginning on line 7 now reads "printing the PIN, wherein printing the PIN comprises printing a page that includes the PIN;"

Claim 26:

Line 4, to include the limitation of ",wherein detecting a local request to print a page as the local PIN request so that the limitation beginning on line 3 now reads "detecting a local PIN request made by activation of a user interface control element provided by the verifying device, wherein detecting a local request to print a page as the local PIN request;"

Line 7, to include the limitation of ",wherein printing the PIN comprises printing a page that includes the PIN" so that the limitation beginning on line 7 now reads "instructing the verifying device to print the PIN, wherein printing the PIN comprises printing a page that includes the PIN;"

Claim 31:

Line 5, to include the limitation of ",wherein detecting a local request to print a page as the local PIN request so that the limitation beginning on line 4 now reads "a PIN module implemented at least by the hardware and operable to receive a local PIN request made by activating a user interface control element provided by the verifying device, wherein receiving a local request to print a page as the local PIN request,"

Line 9, to include the limitation of “,wherein printing the PIN comprises printing a page that includes the PIN” so that the limitation beginning on line 8 now reads “a publishing module implemented at least by the hardware and operable to direct a print engine for the printing device to print the PIN, wherein printing the PIN comprises printing a page that includes the PIN;”

Claim 43:

Line 5, to include the limitation of ",wherein detecting a local request to print a page as the local PIN request so that the limitation beginning on line 4 now reads "a PIN module implemented at least by the hardware and operable to receive a local PIN request made by activating a user interface control element provided by the verifying device, wherein receiving a local request to print a page as the local PIN request,"

Line 9, to include the limitation of “,wherein printing the PIN comprises printing a page that includes the PIN” so that the limitation beginning on line 8 now reads “a publishing module implemented at least by the hardware and operable to direct a print engine for the printing device to print the PIN, wherein printing the PIN comprises printing a page that includes the PIN;”

EXAMINER'S STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Prior art was found which disclosed:

A method for publishing a PIN for use in establishing a pairing between a claimant device and a printing device, comprising:

the printing device detecting a local PIN request made by activation of a user interface control element provided by the printing device;

the printing device generating the PIN in response to the local PIN request and without communicating with the claimant device;

the printing device printing the PIN;

receiving a connection request from the claimant device, the connection request including PIN data assembled from the PIN; and

generating a link key using the PIN data, the link key used for device pairing between the claimant device and the printing device.

The following is examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The prior art of record does not teach or render obvious the limitations as recited in independent claims 1, 13, 17, 18, 26, 30, 31, 43, and 47, of the currently amended claims, specific to

"identifying a local request to print a page as the local PIN request and wherein printing the PIN comprises printing a page that includes the PIN."

Claims 10-12, 15-16, 23-25, 28-29, 40-42, 45-46 depend on independent claims. Dependent claims are allowable as they depend from an allowable independent claim.

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